

Serial No. 09/724007

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kurk, et al.

Examiner: Stefan Staicovici

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Group Art Unit: 1732

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Docket No.: 01610.0058-US-01

Title: MANDREL FOR DIP COATING POLYMER VALVE PROSTHESES

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 4, 2003.

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER**  
**TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**  
**Under 37 C.F.R. §1.191**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 1-11 and 29-37 of the above-referenced application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$320.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for filing this Notice of Appeal as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Also enclosed is a Petition for a further one-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection, extending said period of response from May 4, 2003 to June 4, 2003. A check in the amount of \$520.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity. A fee of \$410.00 was previously charged to Deposit

Account Number 50-1038 together with a Petition for Extension of Time. The fee submitted herewith reflects an offset in view of the previously submitted extension fee.

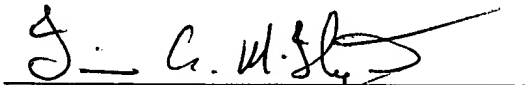
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Respectfully submitted,

Altera Law Group, LLC



Date: June 4, 2003

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